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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT HILLERY

1. EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT PATRICK HILLERY (FORMER IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER), WHO HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE EC COMMISSION, PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 6-9. (WE UNDERSTAND HILLERY MAY BE STAYING ON A FEW ADDITIONAL DAYS.) HE IS INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH US OFFICIALS AND LEADERS CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL AND LABOR AFFAIRS DURING HIS VISIT. DR. HILLERY'S PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED BY THE EC COMMISSION DELEGATION (LENG). WHEN HE INFORMED US OF THE ABOVE, FITZGIBBON, HILLERY'S CHEF DE CABINET, ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING A USEFUL PROGRAM FOR DR. HILLERY.

2. IN ADDITION TO SOCIAL AND LABOR MATTERS, DR. HILLERY WILL, OF COURSE, ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF US-EC RELATIONS. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT APPOINTMENTS BE MADE FOR HIM AT THE DEPARTMENT, PERHAPS WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER ARRANGING A LUNCH IN HILLERY'S HONOR.

3. WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO ASSIST THE EC

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COMMISSION DELEGATION IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS WITH THE

SECRETARIES OF LABOR AND OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE,
AND OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE TWO DEPARTMENTS.
WE ALSO STRONGLY SUGGEST A MEETING WITH AFL-CIO
PRESIDENT MEANY.

4. HILLERY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY EDWIN FITZGIBBON, HIS
CHEF DE CABINET (OR, IF FITZGIBBON IS UNABLE TO GO, BY JOHN
MACCOLGAN, HIS DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET) AND LEO CRIJNS,
WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE EUROPEAN
SOCIAL BUDGET IN THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR
SOCIAL AFFAIRS. BARBIS

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